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- On 19 November 1953, Soviet patrol vessels [] were sighted as [] ship passed the Irben Straits on its way to Riga. Each vessel carried a gun of between 30 and 40 millimeters on the foredeck, a similar gun on the fantail, and two twin-mount machine guns on each wing of the bridge. 25X1
- About 20 small submarines were moored in the Winter Harbor in Riga. The conning towers on the submarines had no open platforms, but they had a small step aft. A submarine tender or repair ship of about 1,200 DWT lay alongside the submarines. The ship had a round superstructure, and its armament consisted of one antiaircraft gun forward and one aft. A freighter of about 3,000 DWT which was apparently converted into a Sperrbrecher had one antiaircraft turret with four-barreled antiaircraft guns located forward, a second amidships, and a third aft. There was possibly another antiaircraft turret amidships on the side away from the observer. 25X1
- A motor coastal auxiliary vessel, torpedo boats [] and Sperrbrecher [] were moored near the harbor entrance at the jetty in the Winter Harbor. All the vessels carried antiaircraft guns. 25X1
- About 20 short, squat PT boats or assault boats, which seemed to have wooden hulls, were observed on shore near a canal-like recess down-river from the Winter Harbor. 25X1
- The inspections upon entrance and departure were rather severe. The bilges were inspected, and the floor plates were lifted. The radio shack, pyrotechnical equipment, cameras, and binoculars were sealed, and the dispensary was examined. A search was conducted for documents, books, and other printed matter in the Cyrillic alphabet.

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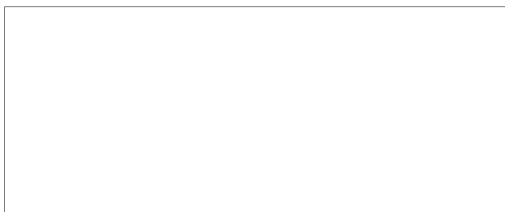
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6. All the Soviet longshoremen were shy; they appeared ragged and were in need of footwear and warm clothing. Their weekly wages were between 200 and 220 rubles.



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